Forign companies in the communication sector

3100. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the investments made by the foreign companies in the communication sector;

(b) the impact thereof in this sector; and

(c) the details of the proposals approved by Government during the last three years alongwith the sectors where such investments are likely to be made by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) The details of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) received in telecommunication sector during last three years are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl.No.	Year (Ending March)	Investment in Telecom Sector
1.	2006-07	2,155
2.	2007-08	5,103
3.	2008-09	11,727
4.	2009-10 (till September, 09)	9,815
	TOTAL	28,800

(b) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) brings in capital and technology, which are essential for qualitative and quantitative growth of the communication sector. During April, 2006 to September, 2009, telephone subscribers have grown from 142 million to 509 million.

(c) The details of proposals approved by the Government during the last three years alongwith the sectors are given in the statement.

Statement

Sector-wise break-up for FDI & Foreign Technology cases approved during April, 2006 to September, 2009

(Amount in million)

Sl.No.	Name of the Sector	No. of Approvals			Amount of Foreign Direct Investment Approved
		Total	Technical	Financial	(In. Rs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	19	10	9	218,633.62
2.	Service Sector	172	8	164	182,751.41

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Fuels (Power & Oil Refinery)	135	93	42	126,751.88
4.	Telecommunications	142	7	135	85,958.75
5.	Transportation Industry	99	40	59	82,823.31
6.	Electricals Equipment (Incl S/W & Elec)	89	11	78	31,861.42
7.	Hotel & Tourism	82	55	27	19,609.94
8.	Trading	134	1	133	18,959.07
9.	Consultancy Services	54	6	48	10,300.98
10.	Defence Industries	6	0	6	5,822.79
11.	Metallurgical Industries	22	10	12	5,065.02
12.	Vegetable Oils And Vanaspati	3	0	3	4,525.45
13.	Chemicals (Other Than Fertilizers)	46	29	17	3,358.10
14.	Industrial Machinery	11	5	6	2,806.00
15.	Food Processing Industries	12	2	10	2,187.33
16.	Rubber Goods	6	3	3	1,067.96
17.	Miscellaneous Mechanical & Engineering	17	7	10	1,021.55
18.	Timber Products	2	0	2	582.00
19.	Cement and Gypsum Products	1	0	1	562.10
20.	Textiles (Includ Dyed, Printed)	10	0	10	383.94
21.	Commercial, Office & Household Equipment	3	0	3	211.00
22.	Medical and Surgical Appliances	7	1	6	197.74
23.	Soaps, Cosmetics and Toilet Preparations	4	0	4	66.60
24.	Earth-Moving Machinery	2	0	2	58.90
25.	Sugar	2	0	2	51.50
26.	Machine Tools	4	2	2	50.00
27.	Photographic Raw Film And Paper	1	0	1	35.50
28.	Dye-Stuffs	2	1	1	28.90
29.	Ceramics	1	0	1	10.67
30.	Paper and Pulp including Paper Product	1	0	1	2.40

1	2	3	4	5	6
31.	Boilers And Steam Generating Plants	5	5	0	0.00
32.	Glass	2	1	1	0.00
33.	Fermentation Industries	2	0	2	0.00
34.	Industrial Instruments	2	1	1	0.00
35.	Fertilizers	1	1	0	0.00
36.	Leather, Leather Goods And Pickers	3	3	0	0.00
37.	Miscellaneous Industries	122	13	109	131,896.10
	Grand Total	1226	315	911	937,641.93

Irregularities in 2G spectrum allotment

3101. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irregularities have been found in 2G spectrum allotment;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has given any instructions to the Ministry for ensuring transparency in allotment of 2G spectrum; and

(c) whether it is true that M/s Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Unitech Wireless Company sold their shares at exorbitant prices, i.e. approximately 6 times of the entry fees, after allotment of spectrum of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) No, Sir. Initial/Start up spectrum has been allotted to the Unified Access Service licensees as per the provisions of their Service Licence Agreements subject to availability of spectrum. With growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is also being earmarked based on the subscriber based criteria evolved from time to time and subject to availability of spectrum in a Telecom Service area.

(b) Hon'ble Prime Minister *vide* letter dated 2.11.2007 had advised that certain issues be considered with a view to ensuring fairness and transparency. Accordingly, he was kept apprised about allotment of 2G spectrum to UASL/CMTS licencees.

(c) No, Sir. However, M/s Unitech have issued a fresh equity to its foreign partner M/s Telenor and the shareholders of M/s Swan Telecom have not sold their equity shares in M/s Swan Telecom.

Report of special auditors on revenue leakage

3102. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: